



Leo's New Goal

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Leo is a tall boy with dark curly hair. He stands at the airport in London with his football under his arm, looking at the red buses and the gray sky. He feels a bit nervous because he misses his home in Russia, but he is ready for a new adventure.



Leo goes to his first football practice at a local club. The grass is very green, and the other boys are fast and strong. Leo meets his new coach, who smiles and says something in English that Leo doesn't understand yet.



During the training, Leo's teammates shout many instructions like 'Pass the ball!' or 'Man on!' Leo feels lost because he only knows Russian words for football. If he understands the words, he will play better, so he watches their movements very carefully.



After practice, the coach speaks to Leo alone. Leo uses a small notebook to find the right words to say he is happy to be there. The coach tells him, 'If you practiced English every day, you would feel more confident on the pitch.'



One afternoon, a teammate named Sam sits next to Leo on the bench. Sam points to his water bottle and says the word slowly. Leo repeats it and then teaches Sam the Russian word for water, 'Voda,' and they both laugh together.



At home, Leo covers his bedroom walls with English words and football tactics. He spends his evenings listening to English songs and repeating the lyrics. He knows that if he works hard, he will soon speak as well as he plays.



It is the day of a big tournament, and the stadium is full of cheering people. Leo is nervous, but he remembers his coach's advice and takes a deep breath. He realizes that if he didn't have his team, he would be very lonely in this big city.



Leo is playing in the middle of the field when he sees an opening. He shouts 'Pass to me!' loudly in English, and Sam kicks the ball perfectly to his feet. Leo runs fast, his curly hair bouncing, and he feels the energy of the game.



After the match, the whole team gathers in a circle to celebrate their victory. Leo talks to his friends about the game using full sentences in English. If they win the next match, they will go to the finals, and everyone is very excited.



Leo stands on the green field under the golden sunset, feeling proud and happy. He has new friends, a great team, and he can finally speak the language of his new home. He knows that if he continues to try his best, anything is possible.